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1. An airfield is located approximately two kilometers northeast of Lyubenova Makhala (approximately 12 kilometers south of Nova Zagora) at position N 42-22, E 26-00. This is an airport of recent construction, on which work is still in progress, and where Bulgarian Air Force bombing units are to be based. No details are known as yet concerning air field installations. The runway, which has been completed, is approximately 2,000 meters long and runs in an east-west direction.
2. An airfield is located near Sigmen, between the road and railroad which connect Karnobat (now Polyanovgrad) and Mudrino (N 42-43, E 26-53), at position N 42-42, E 26-56. It is 2,700 x 1,700 meters in size and has a concrete runway approximately 2,500 meters long running in a north-northeast to south-southwest direction. The following buildings are located to the south of the field:
  - a. Four hangars;
  - b. A headquarters building;
  - c. A control tower; and
  - d. Miscellaneous barracks and buildings, use unknown.

The extremities of the runway are marked by yellow and red lights. The airfield is occupied by a fighter and by a fighter-bomber squadron.
3. A hydroplane base is located at position N 43-13, E 27-59, at a point approximately 200 meters west of Cape Sveti Dimitur in the Bay of Varna (now Stalin). The base includes two slides approximately 80 meters in length. Between these two slides there is a hangar and, behind it, a building used as a storehouse and workshop. Immediately beyond there are four buildings, use unknown. The base is occupied by an unidentified hydroplane fighter unit and an unidentified hydroplane reconnaissance unit.
4. In the fall of 1953, levelling and drainage work was started at an airport located approximately eight kilometers east of the new bridge between Ruse and Giurgiu,

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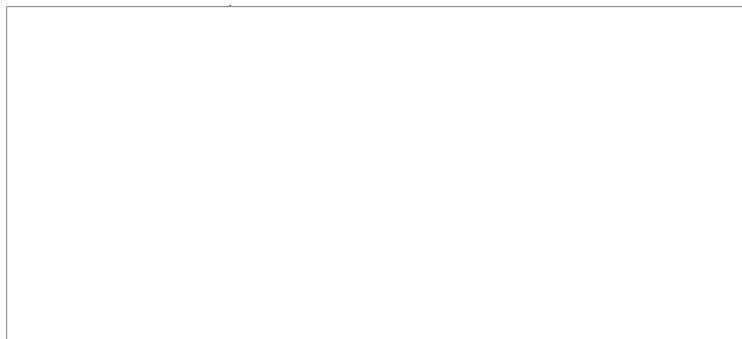


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approximately 1,000 meters south of the road for Tutrakan. In 1954, construction was started on a concrete runway 2,000 meters in length running in an east-west direction. This runway is allegedly near completion. The airfield is 2,500 x 1,000 meters in size. There are no completed buildings as yet. Along the north side of the field work is in progress on the construction of six buildings, four of which appear to be hangars.<sup>1</sup>

 Comment: Reports have been received on work on the old airport at Ruse. It is felt, therefore, that the above refers to the enlarging and improving of the old field located northeast of the city, that is, at N 43-51, E 25-59.

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